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SUBJ: AUSTRALIAN PROGRAM FOR INDOCHINESE REFUGEES

1. BARRY BOOTHBY, NEWLY ARRIVED OFFICER FROM THE AUSTRALIAN DEPARTMENT OF IMMIGRATION AND ETHNIC AFFAIRS, CALLED ON BARNES AUGUST 24. BOOTHBY DESCRIBED THE AUSTRALIAN PROGRAM FOR INDOCHINESE REFUGEES AS FOLLOWS: AUSTRALIA WILL TAKE IN BETWEEN 1500 AND 2000 REFUGEES DURING ONE YEAR STARTING IN SEPTEMBER 1977. IN THE FALL OF 1978, AUSTRALIA WILL REVIEW THE PROGRAM WITH A VIEW TO POSSIBLE CONTINUATION.

2. AUSTRALIAN CRITERIA FOR MIGRATION SELECTION IN THAILAND AND NEARBY COUNTRIES ARE:

GROUP (1) SPONSORED - SPOUSES AND DEPENDENT CHILDREN

- PARENTS AND DEPENDENT CHILDREN
- FIANCE(E)S

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GROUP (2) SPONSORED OR UNSPONSORED

- APPLICANTS ABLE TO MEET OCCUPATIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR MIGRANT ENTRY

GROUP (3) SPONSORED OR UNSPONSORED

- APPLICANTS HAVING A SPECIAL ASSOCIATION WITH AUSTRALIA
- OTHER SPECIAL APPROVALS (J3)

GROUP (4) SPONSORED - ALL NOMINEES NOT IN GROUPS 1 TO 3 WHO ARE  
BROTHERS/SISTERS AND THEIR DEPENDENT  
CHILDREN OR ADULT CHILDREN OF AUSTRALIAN  
RESIDENTS

GROUP (5) SPONSORED - BOAT REFUGEES

GROUP (6) SPONSORED - OTHER SPONSORED PERSONS NOT IN GROUPS 1 TO  
5 ABOVE

GROUP (7) UNSPONSORED - ALL DIRECT APPLICANTS NOT IN ABOVE GROUPS  
WITH SOME PREFERENCE TO BE GIVEN TO UNSPONSORED BOAT REFUGEES.  
GENERALLY THE CRITERIA IN THE CABINET DECISION ON REFUGEES ARE  
TO BE APPLIED IN REGARD TO PEOPLE IN GROUPS 4 TO 7.

3. BOOTHBY SAYS THAT HIS FILES ARE RUDIMENTARY, AND THAT HE HAS  
AFFILIATION STATEMENTS FOR ONLY SOME 80 REFUGEES SO FAR. HE HAS  
NO QUOTAS FOR BOAT CASE REFUGEES VERSUS THOSE IN INLAND THAI  
CAMPS, AND DOES NOT INTEND TO GIVE PRIORITY TO ONE OR THE  
OTHER, OR TO ANY ETHNIC GROUP. HIS FIRST CAMP VISIT WILL BE TO  
NONGKhai AUGUST 29, FOLLOWED BY UBON.

4. ASKED WHETHER HIS PURVIEW STRETCHED BEYOND THAILAND, BOOTHBY  
SAID THAT IT INCLUDED SOUTHEAST ASIA BUT THAT HE WOULD PROBABLY  
BE TOO INVOLVED WITH REFUGEES IN THAILAND TO ADDRESS HIMSELF TO  
THOSE IN MALAYSIA BEFORE 1978.

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